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Re: WITM (AM), Marion, Virginia  
Facility Identification Number: 19478  
Appalachian Educational Communications Corp.  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Hill:

This is in reference to the request filed January 11, 2008, on behalf of Appalachian Educational Communications Corp. ("AECC"). AECC requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on July 2, 2007, to operate Station WITM (formerly WHGB) with temporary facilities.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, AECC states that it continues its search for a new transmitter site.

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Our review indicates that the licensee has been prevented from restoring licensed operation due to causes beyond its control and has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem. Thus, extension of STA is warranted. We note that, since the filing of the instant request, AECC has filed the necessary letter of notification to convert the "Plan" record for nighttime operation with 0.031 kW to a license record. The STA will be modified to include nighttime operation.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, with modification as discussed above. Station WITM may continue to operate with the following facilities:

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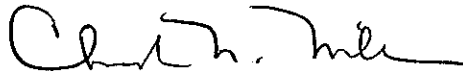
<sup>1</sup> WITM is licensed for operation on 1330 kHz with 5 kW daytime and 0.031 kW nighttime, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-2-U).

Transmitter location:	Existing WGBH studio building
Geographic coordinates:	36° 49' 09" N, 81° 28' 10" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency:	1330 kHz
Hours of operation:	<b>Unlimited</b>
Operating power:	Not to exceed 5 kW daytime, <b>0.031 kW nighttime</b>
Antenna type:	wire (inverted "V")
Overall height:	60 feet

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. It is anticipated that an application for construction permit for new, permanent facilities will be filed prior to the expiration date below. AECC must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **January 16, 2009**.

Sincerely,



Charles N. Miller, Engineer  
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cc: Appalachian Educational Communications Corp.